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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 14, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elect **Group I**, claims 1-11 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I - claims 1-11, drawn to composition; and

Group II - claims 12-18, drawn to method.

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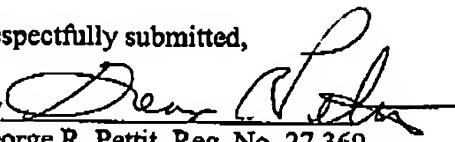
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